(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to launch any satellite into space from the country during the year 2004-2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning the third test launch of GSLV mission, GSLV-DO3 during 2006. This will be the first test launch with our indigenous cryogenic stage and will orbit a two-tonne class communication satellite into Geostationary Transfer Orbit.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following satellites are proposed to be launched during the year 2005:

* Cartosat-1 and Hamsat spacecraft using PSLV during May 2005.
* INSAT-4A communication spacecraft from Kourou during third quarter of 2005.
* Cartosat-2 and Spacecapsule Recovery Experiment (SRE) on the PSLV during last quarter of 2005.

Projects costing over Rs. 100 crores

3233. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central projects each estimated to cost over Rs. 100 crores, continue to remain in the high slippage bracket, according to the latest flash report of the Ministry;

(b) whether according to his Ministry three projects pertain to the petroleum sector, two to the power sctor and one in the fertilizer sector;

(c) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(d) the efforts being made to improve its position;

(e) the total cost of delay in completion of these projects; and

(f) whether any concrete programme of action has been suggested to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per latest Flash Report for February 2005, out of 333 projects, 102 projects do not have a definite date of commissioning, 129 projects have slipped from the approved date of commissioning.

(b) Among the delayed projects, (i) three petroleum projects, namely, Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) Project, Neelam of Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC), Mumbai Refinery Modernisation of Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Dahej Uran Pipeline Project of Gas Authority of India reported delay of 22, 21 and 15 months respectively; (ii) two power projects, namely Tehri Dam and Hydro Power Project of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation and Dulhasti Hydro Electric Project of National Hydro Electric Corporation reported delay of 76 and 54 months respectively and (iii) Revamping Namrup Fertiliser Project of Brahmputra Valley Fertiliser Corporation has reported delay of 36 months.

(c) The main reasons for delay in these projects is given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Reasons for delay
(i)	IOR Project, Neelam	Change in scope, delay in equipment supply and award of contract
(ii)	Mumbai Refinery Modernisation	Delay in supply of equipment
(iii)	Dahej - Uran pipeline	Scope revision and delay in award of contract
(iv)	Tehri Dam and Hydro Power Project	Delay in resettlement / rehabilitation environment related approval and geological problems
(v)	Dulhasti Hydro Electric project	Law and order problems, geological surprises and Contractual failures
(vi)	Revamping of Namrup Fertilizer Project	Delay in civil work and supply of equipment.

(d) The revised schedule have been drawn for implementation of these projects which are being closely monitored by the concerned Ministries.

The efforts are being made to provide adequate resources and resolve the problems coming in the way of the implemention.

(e) The increase in cost over the latest approved cost is estimated at Rs. 5731.06 crore in respect of the above 6 projects.

(f) The concerned Ministries are taking adequate steps for completion of these projects as per revised schedule.

Completion of projects

3234. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY
SHRI HARISH RAWAT;
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects are pending completion;

(b) if so, the details of those projects, ministry-wise, State-wise;

(c) the reasons of their pendency;

(d) the quantum of money that have already been spent on these projects and how much more money is still required to complete them; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure completion of the pending projects expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir, as on 1.3.2005, there are 634 projects excluding completed projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above under implementation.

(b) to (d) The details of those projects Ministry-wise and State-wise along with the cumulative expenditure till the end of February 2005, and funds required for completion of these projects are enclosed as Statement I and II (*See* below) General reasons for the pendency are: (i) financial constraints; (ii) delay in land acquisition and rehabilitation, award of contracts and supply of equipment; (iii) slow progress by contractors and supply of equipment; (iii) slow progress by contractors; and (iv) law and order problems.